

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737

Permit to Move Live Plant Pests, Noxious Weeds, and Soil

Importation
Regulated by 7 CFR 360

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PERMITTEE NAME:	Liang Feei Koo	PERMIT NUMBER:	P526P-17-04671
ORGANIZATION:	GKG International Incorporated	APPLICATION NUMBER:	P526-171205-007
ADDRESS:	1255 Maine Avenue Building A Baldwin Park, CA 91706	FACILITY NUMBER:	N/A
MAILING ADDRESS:	1255 Maine Avenue Building A Baldwin Park, CA 91706	HAND CARRY:	No
PHONE:	626-589-6355	DATE ISSUED:	12/29/2017
FAX:	626-814-8939	EXPIRES:	12/29/2020
DESTINATION:	GKG International Incorporated, 1255 Maine Avenue, Building A, Baldwin Park, CA 91706		
DESIGNATED PORTS:	CA, El Segundo; CA, Sacramento; CA, San Diego; CA, San Francisco		

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:

Article Category: Federal Noxious Weeds

<u>Regulated Article</u>	<u>Life Stage(s)</u>	<u>Intended Use</u>	<u>Shipment Origins</u>	<u>Originally Collected</u>	<u>Culture Designation</u>
Sagittaria sagittifolia Plant Parts		Consumption - Human	China, Asia	Originally Collected from Foreign Locations	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS

See permit conditions below

INSTRUCTIONS TO DHS CBP INSPECTORS:

1. Confirm that the carrier of the shipment imported under this USDA PPQ 526 permit is commercially bonded. For all hand carry events, go to step 6. Hand-carry is not authorized for this permit.
2. Confirm that the imported shipment has a valid USDA PPQ Form 599 Red/White label attached to the exterior for routing to a USDA APHIS PPQ Inspection Station. (A valid label will have the permit number, expiration date, label number, and address of a USDA APHIS PPQ Plant Inspection Station).

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a shipment of bulk container with discrete units, a single PPQ Form

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599 Red/White label may be used and should be enclosed in a supplemental information package that provides permittees name, and a copy of the permit.

3. Validate the permit in ePermits using the CBP search feature.
4. If a valid PPQ Form 599 Red/White label is not attached to the exterior of the package or the label has been covered or is otherwise not legible, then forward to the nearest USDA APHIS PPQ Plant Inspection Station.
5. If the address on the airway bill does not match the address on the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label then forward the package to the nearest USDA APHIS PPQ Plant Inspection Station. (All costs associated with rerouting misaddressed packages will be assumed by the permit holder.)
6. For all hand carry events, the port of entry must have received prior notice by e-mail, fax, or telephone of the arrival of the passenger including date of arrival and flight information from Headquarters, OFO, and APL. This notice communicates specific instructions to the port of entry.
7. For all hand carry events, a valid red and white PPQ Form 599 Red/White label specifying hand carry must be presented. A single PPQ Form 599 Red/White label specifying hand carry may be used for multiple specimens covered under one permit at border crossings.
8. If the permitted shipment arrives by hand carrying, in personal luggage, or by personal automobile without a hand carry authorization as specified in both the permit and the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label, seize the shipment and forward it to the nearest USDA APHIS PPQ Plant Inspection Station.
9. For questions or concerns, contact the USDA APHIS PPQ Permit Unit in Riverdale, MD, at 866-524-5421.

INSTRUCTIONS TO USDA PPQ INSPECTORS AT PLANT INSPECTION STATIONS:

If any of the following are not met, **DO NOT CLEAR THE SHIPMENT**. Contact the headquarters Permit Unit at 866-524-5421 to determine subsequent action.

1. Confirm that the package contents are listed on the permit.
2. Confirm that the shipment has the original PPQ Form 599 Red/White label with the permit number and label number visible on the exterior of the package.

Please Note: In the event of a shipment of bulk container with discrete units, a single PPQ Form 599 Red/White label may be used and should be enclosed in a supplemental information package that provides permittees name, and a copy of the permit.

3. If the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label is absent (the label may have become detached during shipping) altered or otherwise illegible, then proceed to step 14 below.
4. Confirm that the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label is addressed to your Plant Inspection Station Address.
5. Confirm that the delivery address on the package matches the address on the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label.

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6. Confirm that the permit number on PPQ Form 599 Red/White label matches the actual permit number.
7. If the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label has a barcode, scan the barcode, or enter the permit number and label number into ePermits and log the required shipment information. If the PPQ Form 599 Red/White label does not have a barcode, validate the permit using the ePermit search feature. (The ePermits system only validates permits issued within ePermits.)
8. Confirm that the permit has not expired.
9. Confirm that the final destination of the package is to the same individual and address that appears on the permit.
10. Confirm that the origin of the shipment is authorized on the permit.
11. Use a biosafety cabinet to inspect shipments of microorganisms.
12. Confirm that the package is adequate to prevent escape of the enclosed organisms.
13. If all permit conditions are met, release the package for subsequent movement to the permit holder's address.
14. Do not open the package outside of a biosafety cabinet.
 - If your facility does not have a biosafety cabinet and the package is secure, re-export the package.
 - If your facility does not have a biosafety cabinet and the package is not secure, destroy the package.
 - If your facility has a biosafety cabinet, examine the contents for a PPQ permit or enclosed supplemental label information.
 - If the package contains a PPQ permit or supplemental label information, proceed to step 7 above. (Supplemental label information includes the permitte's letterhead stationary with their name, permit number and label number. This information enables you to use the ePermit barcoding feature if the missing label was barcoded, or validate the permit in ePermits using the search feature if the label was not barcoded.)
 - If the package does not contain a PPQ permit or supplemental label information and the package is secure, re-export the shipment.
 - If the package does not contain a PPQ permit or supplemental label information and the package is not secure, destroy the shipment.

PERMIT GUIDANCE

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues permits for the importation of *Sagittaria sagittifolia* for consumption only during Chinese New Year (November to March) in order to prevent the noxious weed from becoming established in the United States. If APHIS detects a new infestation of *Sagittaria sagittifolia* in the United States, APHIS will reevaluate permit issuance.

This permit does not fulfill the requirements of other federal or state regulatory authorities. As appropriate, please contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the APHIS Veterinary Services unit, or your State's Department of Agriculture to ensure proper permitting.

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The permit holder must submit a new permit application at least three months prior to the expiration of this permit, and obtain a new permit to continue uninterrupted authorization for the Federal Noxious Weed approved under this permit

PERMIT CONDITIONS

Authorization:

This permit authorizes the importation of *Sagittaria sagittifolia* tubers or sprouted tubers from the People's Republic of China to Liang Feei Koo, Manager, GKG International INC., 1255 Maine Ave., BLDG A., Baldwin Park, California 91706 for human consumption only and during Chinese New Year. Importations are authorized only from November through March of each year until the permit expires.

1. The permit holder must maintain a valid permit for as long as the Federal Noxious Weed is in their possession.
2. A copy of this permit must accompany each shipment.
3. The plant parts (tubers) must be free of plant pests.
4. Material must be shipped in sturdy containers that will prevent the release of the plants and plant parts. The permit holder must instruct the shipper that while in transit to final destination, the plant material may not be sold in any state not authorized by this permit.
5. The permit holder will notify all recipients that all materials must be sold/used only in the state listed on this permit. The regulated material must not be moved to another state without a permit.
6. The permit holder shall notify the issuing office at 301-851-2046 or 866-524-5421 if any one reports evidence of seed/ tuber production or unauthorized release into the environment.
7. Any alteration, forgery, unauthorized use of this permit and/or associated Federal Forms are subject to civil and criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment.
8. The permit holder is solely responsible for ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements and specifically listed permit conditions. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit is cause for the following:
 - (a) cancellation of this permit,
 - (b) cancellation of other permits issued to the permit holder,
 - (c) seizure and/or destruction of regulated organisms,
 - (d) denial of future permit applications by this permit holder,
 - (e) liability for civil penalties, and
 - (f) criminal prosecution under provisions in the Plant Protection Act.

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9. PLEASE READ THIS CONDITION CAREFULLY:

Upon issuance of this permit (i.e., a signed PPQ 526), you will need to request the PPQ Form 599 Red/White labels at least 5 days in advance. If YOU APPLIED online using ePermits, you may request the labels using the My Shipments/Labels feature. Otherwise, send your request to Redandwhitelabelrequest@aphis.usda.gov.

All email requests must come from the permit holder or appointee, if requested by the appointee the permit holder must be Ccd on all requests. Specify the approved port as listed on the permit and the total number of labels needed in multiples of four. You may request additional labels the same way. We will send you the labels by email as a pdf document.

A label must be attached with clear tape to the exterior of each package being imported under this permit. In the event of a shipment of bulk container with discrete units, a single PPQ Form 599 Red/White label may be used and should be enclosed in a supplemental information package that provides your name, and a copy of the permit. The labels will include detailed shipping instructions. You are responsible for instructing your shipper to carefully follow these instructions. You are responsible for each import shipping label issued under this permit.


All labels **MUST BE PRINTED IN COLOR**. Failure to do so may result in refused entry or destruction of your package.

Enclose the following supplemental information in each shipment:

- Permittee Name
- Permit number
- Label number

Underlying packaging/wrapping must carry the address, billing, and any other information required to direct the shipment to its final destination (i.e., the permit holder's address; N.B., USDA APHIS does not defray any additional shipping costs incurred for transiting the shipment through an inspection station as the initial US destination).

END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

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